

VI. GROUNDS OF REJECTIONS TO BE REVIEWED ON APPEAL

Ground (A)

Claims 2-9 and 12-26 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement.

Ground (B)

Claims 2-9 and 12-26 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Ground (C)

Claims 2-9 and 12-26 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) for obviousness over Shi et al. (U.S. 2005/0014063) in view of Hying et al. (WO99/62620, equivalent to U.S. 6,620,320) and Takita et al. (U.S. 5,922,492).